

NEWS.

DR. DOUGLAS H. CAMPBELL has spent the past summer in Japan.

THE OFFICERS of Section G of the A. A. A. S. for the next year are G. F. Atkinson, *Vice President*; F. C. Newcombe, *Secretary*.

IN THE ABSENCE of Mr. Coville, President of the Botanical Club at its Buffalo meeting, Professor W. A. Kellerman was appointed.

THE OFFICERS of the Botanical Club for the next year are S. M. Tracy *President*; L. R. Jones, *Vice President*; E. S. Burgess, *Secretary*.

MR. C. H. PECK and Mr. B. T. Galloway were elected members of the Botanical Society of America at its Buffalo meeting, bringing the number of members to twenty-five.

EDWIN B. COPELAND, of the University of Wisconsin, has returned from a year's study in the botanical institutes of Tübingen and Halle, from the latter of which he received the doctor's degree *summa cum laude*.

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY at its Buffalo meeting was represented by the following members: Atkinson, Bailey, Barnes, Bessey, Britton (E. G.), Britton (N. L.), Coulter, Hollick, MacMillan, Trelease, and Underwood.

MR. A. P. ANDERSON, assistant in botany at the University of Minnesota, who has been studying abroad for two years, received the doctor's degree from the University of Munich in August, and has since returned to this country.

MR. O. F. COOK has been appointed curator of the cryptogamic collections of the National Herbarium, under the Division of Botany. He has the privilege of leave of absence to visit Africa whenever his duties there demand it.

THE OFFICERS of the Botanical Society of America for the next year are John M. Coulter, *President*; C. S. Sargent, *Vice President*; C. R. Barnes, *Secretary*; Arthur Hollick, *Treasurer*; B. L. Robinson and F. V. Coville, *Councillors*.

PROFESSOR A. N. PRENTISS, formerly Professor of Botany at Cornell University, died at his home in Ithaca, Aug. 14th. A biographical sketch of Professor Prentiss, prepared by his successor, Professor Atkinson, was published in BOT. GAZ. 21:283. 1896.

IN RESPONSE to a suggestion by Professor S. M. Tracy, Section G of the A. A. A. S., at the Buffalo meeting, appointed Professors N. L. Britton and John M. Coulter as a committee to take under consideration the subject as to what should be the usage of the phrase "type specimen."

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THE MEXICAN BOTANICAL CLUB is an organization which can be made very useful to botanists who desire to cultivate Mexican plants for study. Those who wish for a fuller knowledge of its purpose and of its ability to serve botanists should communicate with William Brockway, Tuxpan, Michoacan, Mexico.

ATTENTION IS CALLED to the circular issued by the Pasteur Monument Committee and distributed with this number of the BOTANICAL GAZETTE. The opportunity to honor the memory of Pasteur in a most effective way is one that botanists will not pass by. The senior editor of the GAZETTE has been asked to collect and forward subscriptions.

IN ALL PROBABILITY the next meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in Toronto in connection with the meeting of the British Association. As it is understood that British botanists will be well represented at that meeting large numbers of American botanists will doubtless take advantage of the opportunity to welcome their transatlantic friends.

THE ADDRESS of Dr. N. L. Britton as Vice President of Section G of the A. A. A. S. at its Buffalo meeting was an admirable presentation of the history and status of botanical gardens, made still more attractive by numerous lantern slides. The GAZETTE would have been glad to publish the address in full, according to its usual custom, but Dr. Britton's connection with the New York Botanic Garden made other publication seem desirable.

A BEQUEST has been made to the Swedish Academy of Sciences to promote the study of the Brazilian flora. Every eight years it yields about \$5,500, which is applied in sending two Swedish botanists to Brazil for a period of two years. One payment has already become available, and Dr. C. A. M. Lindman and Dr. G. O. A. Malme undertook the first expedition (1892-4), exploring especially the Rio Grande, Paraguay and Matto Grosso. The donor and originator of the enterprise was Dr. A. Regnell, a Swedish physician, who lived for fifty years in Brazil, and made important collections and studies of the phanerogamic flora.

THE BUFFALO BOTANIC GARDEN was established in 1894, replacing what was known as South Park. It contains 160 acres of finely situated and very diversified surface, and although planting began only last year, it has already in cultivation nearly two thousand plants. It is the design to arrange the plants in families, so far as conditions will permit. Mr. John F. Cowell is the very competent director, and Judge David F. Day is one of the park commissioners, facts which augur well for the future of the garden as a scientific establishment. It is due to Mr. Day's influence that the garden was established, and it is a fitting monument to this long time lover and student of plants.